

said master security system monitors said detection means through said secure link and registers information pertaining to attacks detected by said detection means.--

--14. The security system of Claim 13, wherein said detection means is one or more selected from the group consisting of an intrusion detection system, a firewall and a security subsystem.--

--15. The security system of Claim 13, wherein said master security system is hierarchically independent from said detection means.--

--16. The security system of Claim 13 further comprising a pseudo attack generator associated with said master security system for generating attacks on said computer detectable by said detection means wherein said master security system monitors said detection means by comparing said pseudo-attacks to said attacks detected by said detection means.--

--17. A network security system for a target network of computers comprising:
at least one detection means associated with said target network, said detection means configured to detect an attack on said network;
a master security system located outside said network; and
a secure link between said detection means and said master security system enabling data communication therebetween; wherein

said master security system monitors said detection means through said secure link and registers information pertaining to attacks detected by said detection means.--

--18. The network security system of Claim 17, wherein said detection means is one or more selected from the group consisting of an intrusion detection system, a firewall and a security subsystem.--

--19. The network security system of Claim 17, wherein said master security system is hierarchically independent from said detection means.--

--20. The network security system of Claim 17 further comprising a pseudo-attack generator associated with said master security system for generating attacks on said target network detectable by said detection means wherein said master security system monitors said detection means by comparing said pseudo-attacks to said attacks detected by said detection means.--

--21. A method for monitoring the integrity of a detection means associated with a computer, said computer being connected to a computer network, and configured to detect an attack on said computer, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a secure link for the transfer of data between said detection means and a master system hierarchically independent from said detection means;

monitoring the status of said detection means through said secure link; and